

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

*Serving St Benedict's, St Mary's & St Oswald's,
Warrington*



Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Remembrance Sunday

9 November 2025

Introductory Rites

Entrance Procession

O God, our help in ages past (955)

Greeting & Introduction

Two Minutes Silence

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

R. We will remember them.

Prayer of Remembrance

God of peace,
we remember the men and women
who gave their lives in the violence of war
that we might live in freedom today.
We honour them, thank them and remember them.

We pray for the members of our armed forces
who are in danger this day,
and for their families who pray for their safe return.

We pray for the civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence
the anger and hatreds of humanity.

We pray for peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep the world secure and free.

For the leaders of nations,
we pray for the gifts of wisdom and resolve
in the search for reconciliation and peace.

O God of truth and justice,
help us to do all we can to live in peace with one
another and so bring hope to our broken world.

We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace,
Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

(Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12)

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

In those days: The angel brought me back to the door of the Temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the Temple towards the east (for the Temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the Temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

And he said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

**The waters of the river
gladden the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the Most High!**

- 1 God is our refuge and our strength,
an ever-present help in distress.
Therefore, we fear not,
though the earth be shaken
and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea.
- 2 There is a stream whose runlets
gladden the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the Most High.
God is in its midst; it shall not be disturbed;
God will help it at the break of dawn.

Second Reading

(1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel *(John 2: 13-22)*
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

War Memorials
A wreath is laid at the foot of the War Memorial in the porch at St Benedict's. At St Oswald's, Deacon Tony will lay a wreath at the War Memorial at Bennett's Recreation Ground.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
R. Amen.

Pious List
The names of those parishioners who have died during the last 12 months are read out.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts
Music: Pie Jesu – Gabriel Fauré

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, we pray, O Lord, the offering made here and grant that by it those who seek your favour may receive in this place

the power of the Sacraments
and the answer to their prayers.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer
Holy, Holy – Mass of Christ our Saviour (Dan Schutte)
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Our Father
Notre père... Tève Mūsų... Vater unser... Ojczy nasz...
Padre nostro... 我們的天父

Sign of Peace
Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

Communion
Music: In Paradisum – Gabriel Fauré

Prayer after Communion
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

(Attributed to St Francis of Assisi)

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song
O Lord my God (721) omit verse 2

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